

1. A method of transferring user preferences from one computer to another,
2 comprising the steps of:
providing a transportable data storage medium;
4 recording on the transportable data storage medium, at a first computer,
information relating to a user's computer configuration preferences;
6 receiving the transportable data storage medium at a second computer; and
at least temporarily configuring the second computer in accordance with the
8 information stored on the transportable medium.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein storage medium includes information
2 relating to the user's preferred desktop graphical interface.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein storage medium includes information
2 relating to wired or wireless network or dial-up communications preferences.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein storage medium includes one or more
2 user files or information relating to a user file.

5. The method of claim 1, further includes the step of accessing a remote
2 location to at least temporarily configuring the second computer in accordance with the
information stored on the transportable medium.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the remote location includes data or an
2 application program desired by the user at the second computer.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of at least temporarily
2 configuring the second computer occurs through re-booting the second computer or
through a different user log-on.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein storage medium uses a magnetic, optical,
2 magneto-optical, or semiconductor memory.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the user is prompted to retain the storage
2 medium following the reconfiguration of second machine.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the storage medium is in the form of a
2 disk or card.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein user files stored on the storage medium
2 are updated in accordance with the use of the second computer.